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REMARKS

Claim 20 is modified herein. Claims 3 and 4 were previously canceled. Claims 9-13 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 2, and 5-23 are pending in the application. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and reexamination is respectfully requested.

1. REJECTION OF CLAIM 20 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112:

In item 3 on page 2 of Paper 10 dated 31 July 2003, claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as "being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention". Paper 10 pointed out that claim 20 recited "the tool" with insufficient antecedent basis for this statement in the claim, but that the item was properly set forth in claim 15 upon which claim 20 did not then depend. Claim 20 is amended herein to depend from claim 15 which has as an item "a tool". This amendment of claim 20 results in the rejection of that claim being rendered moot.

2. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 2, 5-8, 14, & 17-23 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

In item 5 on page 2 of Paper 10, claims 1, 2, 5-8, 14, and 17-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by *Beals*, U.S. Patent Number 5,433,516 entitled "Filing Cabinets", hereinafter *Beals*. Applicant respectively traverses.

As stated in MPEP 2131 "To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim." As will be shown in the following paragraphs, *Beals* fails to teach or suggest every element of claims 1, 2, 5-8, 14, and 17-23.

Regarding Rejection of Independent Claim 1 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

A feature of claim 1 of the Present Application is that "at least a portion of the first section is attached to the second body". Paper 10 in lines 8-9 of the first paragraph on page 3 directs attention to "col. 9, lines 49-51" stating that "192 provides support for 190" and that "190 is considered attached to second body 170". Equating the phrase "provides support" to the word "attached" is inappropriate. The word "attach" is defined as "1. To fasten, secure, or join" [See

for example page 88 of EXHIBIT A which includes selected pages copied from The American Heritage College Dictionary, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston (1993)], whereas the word “support” is defined as “1. To bear the weight of, esp. from below. 2. To hold in position so as to keep from falling, sinking, or slipping. 3. To be capable of bearing; withstand. 4. To keep from weakening or failing; strengthen.” [See for example page 1364 of EXHIBIT A]. Extensive listings of synonyms for “attach” and “support” can be found in J. I. Rodale et al., The Synonym Finder, Rodale Books, Inc., Emmaus, Pennsylvania, (1961) on pages 71 and 1224 respectively (See EXHIBIT B which includes selected pages from The Synonym Finder). NONE of the synonyms for “attach” is “support”. And, NONE of the synonyms for “support” is “attach”.

In fact, *Beals* uses the phrase “provide support” in the sense of “To hold in position” NOT “to fasten, secure, or join”. Lines 48-49 in column 9 of *Beals* reads as follows: “distal end section 190 extends **behind** a second transverse bar portion 192 for support”. The interpretation of “provide support” to mean hold in position is clearly shown in Figure 24A of *Beals*. In that figure, distal end section 190 is positioned as described in lines 48-49 of column 9. It extends **behind** the second transverse bar portion 192. In fact in Figure 24A, distal end section 190 does NOT even touch the second transverse bar portion 192. Second transverse bar portion 192 prevents distal end section 190 from movement to the opposite side of the second transverse bar portion 192 which also implies the opposite side of support 170 (Figure 24) of *Beals*.

Thus, *Beals* fails to disclose every element of claim 1. In particular, a first section of which a portion is attached to a second body. Because *Beals* fails to teach every element of claim 1 as required by MPEP 2131, *Beals* does not anticipate claim 1. In addition, *Beals* fails to suggest every element of claim 1. Thus, claim 1 is allowable over *Beals*.

Regarding Rejection of Dependent Claims 2, 5-8, 14, & 17-23 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

Because dependent claims 2, 5-8, 14, and 17-23 depend from independent claim 1, it is noted that dependent claims 2, 5-8, 14, and 17-23 have all the features described above for claim 1 as elements. As demonstrated above, independent claim 1 is not anticipated by *Beals*, nor does *Beals* suggest every element of claim 1. Thus, claims 2, 5-8, 14, and 17-23 are also allowable over *Beals*.

3. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 15 & 16 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

In item 7 on page 5 of Paper 10, claims 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Beals* in view of Greenheck et al. in U.S. Patent 6,547,289 entitled "Quick Release Latch Mechanism", hereinafter *Greenheck*. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Referring to MPEP 2142, "To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations."

Regarding Rejection of Claims 15 & 16 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Because dependent claims 15 and 16 depend from independent claim 1, it is noted that dependent claims 15 and 16 have all the features described above for claim 1 as elements. As demonstrated above, independent claim 1 is not anticipated by *Beals*, nor does *Beals* suggest every element of claim 1. The claim feature indicated above is likewise missing from *Greenheck*. Thus, the prior art references when combined do not teach nor do they suggest all the claim limitations of claims 15 and 16 as required by MPEP 2142. As such, claims 15 and 16 are not obvious over *Beals* in view of *Greenheck*, and it follows that claims 15 and 16 are allowable.

4. IN CONCLUSION:

Entry of the above amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is respectfully requested. Applicant believes that all claims pending in this Patent Application are allowable and that any other problems which may have been raised by the Examiner have been rectified. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the above remarks, to reconsider his rejections, and to grant an early allowance.

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su·per·sti·tious (sō'pär-stish'as) *adj.* 1. Inclined to believe in superstition. 2. Of, characterized by, or due to superstition. — **su·per·sti·tious·ly** *adv.* — **su·per·sti·tious·ness** *n.*

su·per·store (sō'pär-stōr', -stōr') *n.* A very large supermarket that stocks diversified merchandise.

su·per·stratum (sō'pär-strā'tam, -strāt'am) *n., pl. -strata (-strā'tā, -strāt'ā).* 1. One layer or stratum superimposed on another. 2. *Ling.* The language of a later invading people imposed on and leaving features in an indigenous language.

su·per·string (sō'pär-strīng') *n. Phys.* The elementary particle in a theory of space-time incorporating supersymmetry. [*SUPERSYMMETRY* + *STRING*.]

su·per·struc·ture (sō'pär-strūk'tchar) *n.* 1. A physical or conceptual structure extended or developed from a basic form. 2. The part of a building or other structure above the foundation. 3. *Naut.* The parts of a ship's structure above the main deck. 4. The rails, sleepers, and other parts of a railway. 5. In Marxism, the ideologies or institutions of a society as distinct from the basic processes and direct social relations of material production and economics.

su·per·sym·me·try (sō'pär-sim'trē) *n. Phys.* A hypothetical symmetry that relates fermions to bosons and gravitational force to forces that operate on the subatomic level.

su·per·tank·er (sō'pär-tāng'kär) *n. Naut.* A very large ship, usu. between 100,000 and 400,000 displacement tons, used for transporting oil and other liquids in large quantities.

su·per·ti·tle (sō'pär-tī'tl) *n.* A written translation of the dialogue or lyrics of a foreign-language performance of an opera, for example, shown on a screen above the performers.

su·per·tone (sō'pär-tōn'th) *n. Mus.* The second tone of a diatonic scale.

su·per·vene (sō'pär-vēn') *intr.v. -vened, -ven·ing, -venes.* 1. To come or occur as something extraneous, additional, or unexpected. See *Syns* at follow. 2. To follow immediately after; ensue. [*Lat. supervenire* : *super-*, *super-* + *venire*, to come; see *g·a·-*.] — **su·per·ven't** (*-vən't*) *adj.* — **su·per·ven'tion** (*-vən'tshən*) *n.*

su·per·vise (sō'pär-vīz') *tr.v. -vised, -vis·ing, -vis·es.* To have the charge and direction of; superintend. [*ME* **supervisen* < *Med.Lat. supervidēre*, *super-* + *vidēre*, to see; see *vid-*.]

su·per·vi·sion (sō'pär-vīzh'ən) *n.* The act, process, or function of supervising. See *Syns* at care.

su·per·vi·sor (sō'pär-vī-zər) *n.* 1. One who supervises. 2. One who is in charge of a particular department or unit, as in a governmental agency or school system. 3. One who is an elected administrative officer in certain U.S. counties and townships. — **su·per·vi·so·ry** (*-vī-zə-rē*) *adj.*

su·per·wom·an (sō'pär-wōm'an) *n.* 1. A woman who performs all the duties typically associated with several different full-time roles, such as wage earner, mother, and wife. 2. A woman with more than human powers.

su·pi·na·te (sō'pā-nāt') *v. -nat·ed, -nat·ing, -nates. — tr.* 1. To turn (the hand and forearm) so that the palm is upward or forward. 2. To turn (the foot or leg) so that the sole is outward. — *intr.* To be supinated; undergo supination. [*Lat. supinare*, *supināt-* < *supinus*, backward. See *supine*.] — **su·pi·na·tion** *n.*

su·pi·na·tor (sō'pā-nā'tər) *n.* A muscle, esp. in the forearm, that effects or assists supination.

su·pine (sō'pīn', sō'pīn') *adj.* 1. Lying on the back or having the face upward. 2. Having the palm upward. 3. Marked by or showing lethargy, passivity, or blameworthy indifference. 4. Inclined; sloping. — *n. Gram.* A defective Latin verbal noun of the fourth declension, having very limited syntax and only two cases. [*ME* *supin*, *Lat.* verbal noun < *LLat. supinum* < *neut.* of *Lat. supinus*, lying on the back. See *upo*.] — **su·pine·ly** *adv.* — **su·pine·ness** *n.*

supp. *abbr.* 1. Supplement. 2. Supplementary.

sup·per (sūp'ər) *n.* 1. A light evening meal when dinner is taken at midday. 2. A light meal eaten before going to bed. 3. A dance or social affair where supper is served. [*ME* < *OFr. souper*, to sup, *supper*. See *sup*.]

suppl. *abbr.* 1. Supplement. 2. Supplementary.

sup·plant (sū-plānt') *tr.v. -plant·ed, -plant·ing, -plants.* 1. To usurp the place of, esp. through intrigue or underhanded tactics. 2. To displace and substitute for (another). See *Syns* at replace. [*ME* *supplanten* < *OFr. supplanter* < *Lat. supplantare*, to trip up by sub- + *plantare*, to plant; see *plant*.]

sup·ple (sūp'l) *adj. -pler, -plest.* 1. Readily bent; pliant. 2. Moving and bending with agility; limber. 3. Yielding or changing readily; compliant or adaptable. [*ME* *souple* < *OFr. < Lat. supplex*, suppliant. See *plāk*.] — **sup·ple·ly** *adv.* — **sup·ple·ness** *n.* — **sup·ply, sup·ple·ly** *adv.*

sup·ple·ment (sūp'lə-mənt) *n.* 1. Something added to complete a thing, make up for a deficiency, or extend or strengthen the whole. 2. A section added to a book or document to give further information or correct errors. 3. A separate section devoted to a special subject inserted into a newspaper, for example. 4. *Math.* The angle or arc that when added to a given angle or arc makes 180° or a semicircle. — *tr.v. (-mēnt')* -ment·ed, -ment·ing, -ments. To provide or form a supple-

ment to. [*ME* < *OFr. < Lat. supplementum* < *supplere*, to complete. See *sup·-*.] — **sup·ple·men·tar'y** (*-tā-rē, -trē, -trī*) *adj.* — **sup·ple·men·ta·ry** (*-mēnt'ā-rē, -trē, -trī*) *adj.* — **sup·ple·men·tal** (*-mēnt'āl*) *adj.* — **sup·ple·men·ta·tion** (*-mēnt'ā-shən*) *n.*

supplementary angle *n. Math.* See *supplement* 4.

sup·ple·tion (sūp'lē'shən) *n. Ling.* The use of an unrelated form to complete a paradigm, as the past tense *went* of the verb *go*, goes, going, gone. [*Lat. suppletus*, p.p. of *supplere*, to supply. See *sup·-*.]

sup·pl·ant (sūp'lə-ənt) *adj.* Asking humbly and earnestly; beseeching. — *n.* A suppliant. [*ME*, one who supplicates < *OFr.*, p.p. of *supplere*, to entreat < *Lat. supplicare*. See *sup·-*.] — **sup·pl·ance** *n.* — **sup·pl·ant·ly** *adv.*

sup·pl·cant (sūp'lī-kənt) *n.* One who supplicates; a suppliant. [*Lat. supplicans*, suppliant, p.p. of *supplere*, to kneel down. See *sup·-*.] — **sup·pl·cant·ly** *adv.*

sup·pl·cate (sūp'lī-kāt') *v. -cat·ed, -cat·ing, -cates. — n.* 1. To ask for humbly or earnestly, as by praying. 2. To make a humble entreaty to; beseech. — *intr.* To make a humble, earnest petition; beg. [*ME* *supplicatus* < *Lat. supplicare*, *supplīcat-* < *supplex*, *supplic*, suppliant. See *sup·-*.] — **sup·pl·ca·tion** (*-tā-shən*) *n.* — **sup·pl·ca·to·ry** (*-tō-rē, -tō-rī*) *adj.*

sup·ply (sūp'lī) *v. -plied, -ply·ing, -plies. — tr.* 1. To make available for use; provide. 2. To furnish or equip with. 3. To fill sufficiently; satisfy. 4. To make up for (a deficiency, for example); compensate for. 5. To serve temporarily as a substitute in (a church, for example). — *intr.* To fill a position as a substitute. — *n., pl. -plies.* 1. The act of supplying. 2. Something that is or can be supplied. 3. An amount available or sufficient for a given use; stock. 4. Materials or equipment stored and used as needed. Often used in the plural. 5. *Econ.* The amount of a commodity available for meeting a demand or for purchase at a given price. 6. A cleric serving as a substitute or temporary pastor. [*ME* *supplere*, to help, *com·-* < *OFr. soupler*, to fill up < *Lat. supple* : *sub-*, from below see *sub-* + *plere*, to fill; see *plē-*.] — **sup·ply·er** *n.*

sup·ply·side (sūp'lī-sīd') *adj.* Of, relating to, or being in the economic theory stating that reduction of taxes, esp. in the higher tax brackets, will increase investment, productivity, and income throughout an economic system. — **supply·side** *n.*

sup·port (sūp'pōrt', -pōrt') *tr.v. -port·ed, -port·ing, -ports.* 1. To bear the weight of; esp. from below. 2. To hold in position so as to keep from falling, sinking, or slipping. 3. To be capable of bearing; withstand. 4. To keep from weakening or failing; strengthen. 5. To provide for or maintain by supplying with money or necessities. 6. To furnish corroborative evidence for. 7. To aid the cause, policy, or interests of. 8. To endure; tolerate. 9. a. To act (a part or role). b. To act in a secondary or subordinate role to (a leading performer). — *n.* 1. a. The act of supporting. b. The state of being supported. 2. One that supports. 3. Maintenance, as of a family, with the necessities of life. [*ME* *supporten* < *OFr. supporter* < *Lat. supportare*, to carry : *sub-*, from below; see *sub-* + *portare*, to carry; see *port*.]

Syns: *support, uphold, back, advocate, champion.* The verbs mean to give aid or encouragement to a person or cause. *Support* is the most general: "the policy of Cromwell supported the growing power of France against the declining power of Spain" (William E.H. Lecky). To *uphold* is to maintain or affirm in the face of a challenge or strong opposition. "The Declaration of Right upheld the principle of hereditary monarchy" (Edmund Burke). *Back* suggests material or moral support intended to contribute to or assure success. "The army was backed by the government." *Advocate* implies verbal support often in the form of pleading or arguing. *Scientist* advocates reducing saturated fats in the diet. To *champion* is to fight one that is under attack or lacks the strength or ability to fight in its own behalf: "championed the government and defended the system of taxation" (Samuel Chew).

sup·port·a·ble (sūp'pōrt-ə-bəl, -pōrt'-) *adj.* Bearable; endurable. — **sup·port·a·bil'i·ty** *n.* — **sup·port·a·bly** *adv.*

sup·port·er (sūp'pōrt-ər, -pōrt'-) *n.* 1. One that supports. 2. A structural member of a building. 3. One who promotes or advocates; an adherent. 4. An athletic supporter. 5. An animal or a figure that supports a shield in a coat of arms.

support group *n.* A group of people, sometimes led by a therapist, who provide each other moral support, information, and advice on problems relating to some shared character or experience: a support group for incest survivors.

support hose *pl.n.* Elasticized stockings designed to reduce stress on the blood vessels in the legs.

sup·por·tive (sūp'pōrt-iv, -pōrt'-) *adj.* Furnishing support or assistance. — **sup·por·tive·ly** *adv.* — **sup·por·tive·ness** *n.*

support level *n.* A price at which a security or the market becomes attractive to investors.

support system *n.* A network of personal or professional contacts available to a person or an organization for practical moral support when needed.

sup·pos·a·ble (sūp'pōz-ə-bəl) *adj.* That can be supposed; conjectured. — **sup·pos·a·bly** *adv.*

sup·pose (sūp'pōz') *v. -posed, -pos·ing, -pos·es. — tr.v.* To assume to be true or real for the sake of argument or

analog. 2. a. To believe, esp. on uncertain ground. b. To consider to be probable or like antecedent condition; presuppose. 4. To suppose. — *intr.* To imagine; conjecture. [*Supposer*, alteration (influenced by *pos* of *Med.Lat. supponere* < *Lat.*, to put) of *ponere*, to place; see *apo-*.]

sup·posed (sūp'pōzd', -pōz'd) *adj.* 1. Phrased without conclusive evidence. 2. Improbable. 3. Firmly believed; expected. — **sup·posed·ly** *adv.*

sup·pos·ing (sūp'pōz'ing) *conj.* Assuming.

sup·po·si·tion (sūp'pōz'ish'ən) *n.* 1. The act of supposing. 2. Something supposed; an assumption. — **sup·po·si·tion·al** *adj.* — **sup·po·si·tion·al·ly** *adv.*

sup·po·si·tious (sūp'pōz'ish'əs) *adj.* Supposed; conjectured.

sup·po·si·tious (sūp'pōz'ish'əs) *adj.* 1. Hypothetical. 2. Spurious; spurious. 3. Hypothetical. 4. Spurious; spurious. 5. Hypothetical. 6. Spurious; spurious. 7. Hypothetical. 8. Spurious; spurious. 9. Hypothetical. 10. Spurious; spurious. 11. Hypothetical. 12. Spurious; spurious. 13. Hypothetical. 14. Spurious; spurious. 15. Hypothetical. 16. Spurious; spurious. 17. Hypothetical. 18. Spurious; spurious. 19. Hypothetical. 20. Spurious; spurious. 21. Hypothetical. 22. Spurious; spurious. 23. Hypothetical. 24. Spurious; spurious. 25. Hypothetical. 26. Spurious; spurious. 27. Hypothetical. 28. Spurious; spurious. 29. Hypothetical. 30. Spurious; spurious. 31. Hypothetical. 32. Spurious; spurious. 33. Hypothetical. 34. Spurious; spurious. 35. Hypothetical. 36. Spurious; spurious. 37. Hypothetical. 38. Spurious; spurious. 39. Hypothetical. 40. Spurious; spurious. 41. Hypothetical. 42. Spurious; spurious. 43. Hypothetical. 44. Spurious; spurious. 45. Hypothetical. 46. Spurious; spurious. 47. Hypothetical. 48. Spurious; spurious. 49. Hypothetical. 50. Spurious; spurious. 51. Hypothetical. 52. Spurious; spurious. 53. Hypothetical. 54. Spurious; spurious. 55. Hypothetical. 56. Spurious; spurious. 57. Hypothetical. 58. Spurious; spurious. 59. Hypothetical. 60. Spurious; spurious. 61. Hypothetical. 62. Spurious; spurious. 63. Hypothetical. 64. Spurious; spurious. 65. Hypothetical. 66. Spurious; spurious. 67. Hypothetical. 68. Spurious; spurious. 69. Hypothetical. 70. Spurious; spurious. 71. Hypothetical. 72. Spurious; spurious. 73. Hypothetical. 74. Spurious; spurious. 75. Hypothetical. 76. Spurious; spurious. 77. Hypothetical. 78. Spurious; spurious. 79. Hypothetical. 80. Spurious; spurious. 81. Hypothetical. 82. Spurious; spurious. 83. Hypothetical. 84. Spurious; spurious. 85. Hypothetical. 86. Spurious; spurious. 87. Hypothetical. 88. Spurious; spurious. 89. Hypothetical. 90. Spurious; spurious. 91. Hypothetical. 92. Spurious; spurious. 93. Hypothetical. 94. Spurious; spurious. 95. Hypothetical. 96. Spurious; spurious. 97. Hypothetical. 98. Spurious; spurious. 99. Hypothetical. 100. Spurious; spurious.

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AT STAKE In danger, endangered, at hazard, hazarded, pledged, risked, involved, implicated, on the anvil, on the tapis, in question, concerned, put to proof, at risk, in jeopardy, at the caprice of fortune.

ATTACH, *v.* 1. Join, connect, fasten to, make fast to, tie, unite, add, fix, affix, conjoin, subjoin, append, pin, stick, tack, hitch, set to, annex, engraft, cement, yoke, chain, combine, secure, bind, wed.

2. Attribute, assign, ascribe, associate, put in relation.

3. Bind by ties of affection, lay hold on by affection, attract, enamor, captivate, unite to oneself by love, endear, win, charm, gain over, engage, fascinate.

4. (*Law*) Take property by legal authority, distraint, seize, arrest for contempt of court.

5. Adhere, pertain, belong as a proper adjunct, be incident, apply.

ATTACHMENT, *n.* 1. Act of attaching, binding, affixture, confixation, annexation, insertion, union, subjunction, cohesion.

2. That which attaches, nexus, bond, copula, tie, fastening, connection, link, junction.

3. Anything attached as an adjunct, annex, supplementary device, appurtenance, appendage, addendum, additum, appendix, fixture.

4. Affection binding one person to another, love, esteem, liking, regard, fondness, estimation, friendship, predilection, devotion, adhesion, heed, fidelity, adherence, endearment, penchant, respect, tenderness, affinity, inclination, partiality.

5. (*Law*) Seizure of property by legal authority, distrainer, annexation, writ of arrest for contempt of court, judicial proceeding for taking property into custody of court to await ulterior proceedings.

ATTACK, *v.* 1. Set upon with force, attempt violence to, begin hostilities against, assail, beset, assault, invade, storm, charge, make an onset against, tackle, engage, oppugn, fall upon, have at, run at, fly at, rush upon, bear down upon, ride full tilt against, spring upon, have a cut at, make aggression on, push, beleague, besiege, bombard, combat, strike, sally forth, trespass against, waylay, pitch into, pelt, stone, torpedo, fire upon, shoot at, snipe at, draw a bead on, open fire, pepper, shell, fusillade, enfilade, rake, close with, cut and thrust, stab, bayonet, saber, take the offensive, strike the first blow, go over the top.

2. Direct unfavorable criticism against, blame, abuse violently, censure, lampoon, impugn, reflect upon, criticize, calumniate, denigrate, slander, traduce, blacken.

3. Abuse sexually, rape, assault, stuprate, defile, debauch, violate, deflower, outrage, molest.

4. Begin action upon, make a beginning upon, undertake, take up, go to work on a thing, forcefully, set about a task vigorously.

5. (*Med.*) Begin to affect injuriously, cause to waste or decompose, seize.

ATTACK, *n.* 1. Offensive military operation, jab, assault, onslaught, onset, aggression, intrusion, encroachment, incursion, inroad, illapse, invasion, irruption, outbreak, sally, sortie, raid, skirmish, foray, assailment, storming, zero hour, cannonade, bombardment, air raid, *coup de main* (*Fr.*), thrust, charge, encounter, offense, surprisal, firing,

fusillade, shooting, volley, burst, barrage, siege, broadside, sharpshooting, enfilade, curtain of fire, cross fire, *rafale* (*Fr.*), boarding, escalade, lunge, investment, blockade, beleaguement, trespass.

2. Slanderous criticism, vilification, censure, impugment, calumination, denigration, slander, aspersion, defamation, vituperation, lampoon, libel, pasquinade, disparagement, beratement.

3. Rape, stupration, defilement, debauchment, violation, outrage, molestation.

4. First movements toward an undertaking, decisive and spirited commencement, beginning of action.

5. (*Med.*) Seizure by disease, raptus, spell, fit, stroke, paroxysm, visitation, access of disease, affection.

ATTACKER, *n.* Assailant, assailer, aggressor, assaulter, invader, antagonist, enemy, foe.

ATTAIN, *v.* 1. Procure by effort, gain by exertion, achieve by continued effort, acquire, obtain, win, earn, grasp, master, bring off successfully, fulfill, compass, secure, accomplish, score a success, effect, execute, realize, reap, carry by storm.

2. Succeed in reaching, reach, get to, arrive at in due course, approach, come to, make, attain to.

ATTAINABLE, *adj.* Capable of being attained, achievable, obtainable, practicable, compassable, workable, feasible, possible, *in posse* (*Lat.*), on the cards, accessible, reachable, available, within the bounds of possibility, surmountable, within reach, within measurable distance, on the dice.

ATTAINMENT, *n.* 1. Act of attaining, getting, consummation, completion, fulfilment, mastery, achievement, realization, securement, acquisition, accomplishment, gaining, winning.

2. Something attained, personal acquirement, accomplishment, enlightenment, learning, higher education, scholarship, erudition, lore, wisdom, information, store of knowledge, culture, grace, mental resources, attributes, parts, qualification, talents, capability, competence, cleverness, skill, proficiency, technique, finish, finesse, ability, craft.

ATTEMPER, *v.* 1. Temper, moderate, modify, qualify, reduce, regulate, keep within bounds, attune.

2. Make suitable, accommodate, adapt, bring into harmony, fit, proportion.

3. Soothe, appease, mollify, mitigate, alleviate, allay, lenify, blunt, dull, take off the edge, soften, tone down, smooth down, tranquilize, assuage, lull, quell, hush, still, smother, deaden, rebate, abate.

ATTEMPT, *v.* 1. Endeavor to effect, strive, try, essay, make an effort at, aim, make an attempt, venture, seek, make trial of, make essay, drive at, experiment, incur the hazard, do all that in one lies, work at, strain every nerve, do one's best, leave no stone unturned, put forth an effort, undertake, set out to, go about, take in hand, take upon oneself, tackle, take a whack at, take a crack at, whack away at, make a go at, aspire to.

2. Make an effort against, try to overcome, attack, assault, assail.

ATTEMPT, *n.* 1. Trial, effort, endeavor, essay, try (*colloq.*), experiment, test, venture, emprise, exertion, struggle, aim, undertaking, enterprise, speculation.

2. Effort to effect a purpose by violence, onset, assault, attack, onslaught.

SUPPLEMENTARY, *adj.* Additional, extra, accessory, supplemental, suppletory, advenient, adscititious, auxiliary, ancillary, subsidiary, contributory, appurtenant, additive, adjunct, subordinate, adventitious, supervenient, spare, other, further, fresh, new, concomitant, attendant, intensive, intensifying, augmentative, increscent.

SUPLIANT, *adj.* Begging, supplicating, supplicatory, precatory, entreating, suing, beseeching, praying, imploring, supplicant, imprecatory, rogatory, mendicant, postulant, obsecratory, obtestative, solicitous, importunate, on-bended knee, cap in hand.

SUPLIANT, *n.* Humble petitioner, postulant, supplicant, solicitor, applicant, suitor, aspirant, candidate, claimant, mendicant, requisitioner, imprecator, obsecrator, obtestator, impetrator, importuner, invocator, interpellator, cadger, beggar, panhandler, canvasser.

SUPPLICATE, *v.* Pray humbly, implore, make earnest entreaty, beseech, entreat, petition, beg, importune, call upon, invoke, obsecrate, obtestate, apostrophize, solicit, appeal to, pray to, crave, prefer a request to, sue, plead, put up a prayer, adjure, conjure, ask, postulate, request, requisition, canvass, bid, beg a boon, call to, apply for, seek, kneel to, cry to, urge, press, besiege, clamor for, dun, bombard, make bold to ask, put to, trouble one for, impetrate, imprecate, ply, beset, tax, throw oneself at the feet of, fall on one's knees, mendicate, cadge, panhandle, send the hat round.

SUPPLICATION, *n.* Petition, entreaty, request, solicitation, importunity, requisition, suit, prayer, orison, invocation, impetration, obsecration, obtestation, appeal, apostrophe, overture, application, rogation, postulation, instance, imploration, interpellation, begging, asking, mendicancy, panhandling, address, imprecation.

SUPPLICATORY, *adj.* Petitionary, suppliant, precatory, imprecatory, invocatory, rogatory, postulant, obsecratory, imploratory, obtestative, importunate, solicitous, clamorous, urgent, on bended knee, cap in hand, mendicant, humble, abject.

SUPPLY, *v.* 1. Furnish with what is lacking, provide with what is requisite, outfit, equip, fit out, accouter, invest, stock, refill, replenish, endue, minister, store, fill up, endow, present, cater, administer, accommodate, deliver, render, grant, give, afford, bestow, lavish, contribute, yield, provision, victual, purvey, forage, feed, recruit, serve, deal out, distribute, oblige, avail.

2. Take the place of, make up for, serve, instead of, stand in lieu of, occupy as a substitute, fill a vacancy, fill the place of.

SUPPLY, *n.* Quantity of something on hand, stock, reserve, store, provision, fund, reservoir, cache, hoard, accumulation, abundance, vein, mine, quarry, lode, bed, well, treasure, nest egg, savings, vintage, harvest, crop, gleanings, yield, resources, grist, equipment, *de quoi* (Fr.), where-withal, *matériel* (Fr.), aggregation, amassment, conglomeration.

SUPPORT, *v.* 1. Hold up, uphold, bear up, prop, sustain, shore up, truss, brace, buttress, bolster up, gird, cradle, pillow, underpin, underprop, stay, upbear, undersest, carry, bed, base, embed.

2. Tolerate, suffer, endure, brook, abide; stand, bear, undergo, put up with, withstand, go through, experience, submit to.

3. Provide for, nourish, maintain, keep, cherish, foster, feed, victual, provision, finance, nurture, board, pay for, subsidize.

4. Advocate, defend, champion, patronize, befriend, protect, back up, second, countenance, shield, vindicate, justify, forward, further, assist, aid, succor, help, favor, strengthen, reinforce, abet, encourage, promote, espouse, relieve, stand up for, side with, sanction, stick up for.

5. Confirm, substantiate, verify, corroborate, bear out, make good, accredit, vouch for, attest, warrant, guarantee, endorse, ratify, vote for, clinch, establish.

6. Take the part of, play, enact, perform, act, represent, assume, personate.

SUPPORT, *n.* 1. Prop, brace, stay, mainstay, buttress, shore, guy, underpinning, abutment, pier, trestle, underprop, post, pillar, stanchion, beam, substructure, groundwork, bolster, supporter, bracer, reinforcement, undersetter, truss, peg, fulcrum, cushion, pillow, cradle, purchase, foothold, hold, staff, frame, stilt, horse, stud, stirrup, tread, hanger, seat, strut, rib, skid, splint, *point d'appui* (Fr.), stave, rundle, spoke, rung, bar, step, emplacement, stand, platform, scaffold, bracket, ledge, shelf, console, buck, sawbuck, board, table, counter, trivet, underbuilding, socle, stereobate, foundation, base, basis, bed, sill, bedding, ground, substratum, flooring, deck, pavement, dais, rostrum, pole, post, shaft, leg, pale, stake, picket, pile, palisade, jamb, stile, pilaster, mullion, balustrade, baluster, banister, colonnette, column, pedestal, caryatid, telamon, atlas, rafter, girder, joist, lintel, balk, batten, timber, tie, traverse, transom, cross-beam, trave, cantilever, casement, skeleton, sash, crib, rack, yoke, backbone, rachis, spine, vertebra, chine, fornix, arch, vault, span, skewback, ogive, apse, keystone, saddle, chair, settle, bench, stool, hassock, couch, hammock, cot, pallet, shakedown, stretcher, litter, berth, bunk, roost, mattress, lap, stall, rod, staff, cane, stick, baton, alpenstock, upright, crosier, crutch, crook, thyrus, caduceus, lituus.

2. Maintenance, subsistence, sustenance, sustention, sustainment, upkeep, living, livelihood, keeping, nutriment, aliment, bread, food, manna, provisions, necessities, victuals, stores, alimony, relief, dole, charity, nurture, nourishment, subsidy, alimentionation, bounty, means.

3. Favor, aid, assistance, help, succor, subvention, backing, advocacy, championship, defense, patronage, encouragement, countenance, behalf, approval, espousal, comfort, strengthening, approbation, protection, vindication, influence, auspices, aegis, shield, surety, strength, consolation, advancement, lift, boost, furtherance, coadjuvancy, promotion, interest.

SUPPORTABLE, *adj.* 1. Tolerable, endurable, sufferable, bearable, abidable.

2. Tenable, defensible, maintainable, vindicable, justifiable, excusable.

SUPPORTER, *n.* Maintainer, sustainer, backer, advocate, adherent, upholder, partisan, defender, patron, champion, stand-by, seconder, assistant, follower, accomplice, aider, helper, friend-in-need, guardian angel, tutelar, patron saint, paraclete, comforter, benefactor, good genius, good fairy, fairy godmother, good Samaritan, adjutant, auxiliary, adjunct, helping hand, coadjutor, confrere, coöperator, friend, ally, confederate, accessory, disciple, votary, sectary, sectarian, abettor, friend-

at-court, mediator, deus ex machina, providence, well-wisher, favorer, Ma sympathizer, collaborator.

SUPPOSE, *v.* 1. Assume for the sake of ment, predicate, think with reference to opinion, opine, presuppose, presume, con take for granted, hypothesize, theorize, spi posit, judge, imagine, conceive, consider, conclude, apprehend, deduce, infer, guess, the opinion, take it, receive as true, unde surmise, view, regard, fancy, dream, suspect, divine, doctrinize, believe in the absej positive knowledge, ween, nurture an idea.

2. Put forth a suggestion, hazard a supp allude to, intimate, hint, suggest, imply, in submit, set forth, put a case, propose, prop

SUPPOSITION, *n.* 1. Surmise, presu guesswork, conjecture, guess, suspicion (*coll.*), association of ideas, belief, opinion speculation, idea, fancy, notion, suggestio inking, conception.

2. Assumed position, hypothesis, presu assumption, theory, doctrine, postulate, supposal, presupposition, data, theorem, bility, probability, likelihood, *vraisem* (Fr.), verisimilitude, potentiality.

SUPPOSITIONAL, *adj.* Suppositive, conj presumptive, theoretical, hypothetical, speci academic, doctrinal, speculative, reput sumed, putative, supposed, imagined, grai imaginary, allusive, referential, suggestive, ful, mythical, fantastic, chimerical, né figmental, fictitious, Utopian, visionary, unsubstantial, dreamy, romantic, abstract, lectual, idealistic, ideal, presumable, veri

SUPPOSITITIOUS, *adj.* Fraudulently subs counterfeited, not genuine, bogus, spurious, sham, forged, pretended, feigned, mock, deo suppositive, false, subditiitious, foisted in, believe, fictitious, faked, so-called, *soi-disan sogenannt* (Ger.), trumped up, factitious, b artificial, tricky, scamped, illegitimate, stitious, meretricious, adulterated, contri pinchbeck, tinsel, paste, brummagem, catch plated, simulated.

SUPPRESS, *v.* 1. Put an end to, do away abolish, overthrow, put down, overwhelm, power, destroy, annihilate, eradicate, ex quash, quell, vanquish, overcome, subdue vert, crush, eliminate, trample down, obliterate, efface, demolish, annul, do for break down, undo, blot out, erase, cancel, expunge, strike out, swamp, sink, ship wreck, scuttle, raze, level, ravage, lay wast devastate, blast, exterminate, quench, exti shatter, squash.

2. Keep secret, conceal, hide, withhold, smother, choke, gag, tone down, muffle, muzzle, hush up, squelch, silence, mask, s cloak, veil, screen, put under wraps, camo shroud, disguise, dissemble, bury, keep background.

3. Repress, restrain, keep back, check, k inhibit, arrest, stop, obstruct, restrict, harness, hold in, leash, confine, coerce.

SUPPRESSION, *n.* 1. Abolition, over destruction, annihilation, eradication, extirp vanquishment, subdual, subversion, elimi nullification, effacement, obliteration, dem annulment, erasure, cancellation, deletioi termination, extinguishment.